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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7089

INFO AMCONSUL BELIZE

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 5034

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR GT UK BH

SUBJ: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S INTERVEIW

REF: SAN JOSE 3653

1. DURING A CALL ON FORIEGN MINISTER MOLINA ORANTES  
TODAY ON OTHER BUSINESS, HE FIRST RAISED WITH ME THE QUESTION  
OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATEMENT ABOUT BELIZE IN SAN JOSE.  
HE TOLD ME THEY WERE UPSET BY THIS STATEMENT WHICH  
WAS VERY DAMAGING AND WEAKENED GUATEMALA'S POSITION.  
HE SAID IT HELPED THE BRITISH, WHO DIDN'T NEED ANY HELP. HE  
SAID THAT THEY HAD REGARDED THE UNITED STATES AS THE ONLY  
COUNTRY THEY COULD TRUST ON BELIZE, HAD LOOKED TO US AS AN  
HONEST BROKER.

2. I TOLD THE MINISTER THAT I HAD ACTUALLY COME TO SEE HIM TO TALK  
ABOUT RATIFICATION OF SAN JOSE PACT, BUT THAT WE HAD BEEN  
IN TOUCH WITH WASHINGTON ON THE BELIZE POINT AND I COULD  
GIVE HIM THE STATEMENT WHICH WE WERE PROVIDING THE PRESS  
IN ANSWER TO QUERIES ABOUT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATEMENT.  
AFTER READING THIS STATEMENT, MOLINA SAID IT WOULD BE  
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HELPFUL AND ASKED IF HE COULD USE IT HERE WITH THE NEWSMEN  
WHO HAD BEEN SEEKING SOME RESPONSE FROM HIM THIS MORNING.  
I SAID THAT HE COULD. HE SAID THAT HE HOPED THIS STATE-  
MENT WOULD HELP WITH PUBLIC OPINION IN GUATEMALA BUT HE  
WAS STILL CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S  
STATEMENT IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE A FALSE IMPRESSION OF  
THE U.S. POSITION WOULD BE LEFT. I POINTED OUT THAT THIS

ANSWER BY OUR PRESS PEOPLE WOULD BE GIVEN OUT IN WASHINGTON  
SO THAT IT SHOULD REACH THE OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL. I  
SAID I WAS SORRY ABOUT ANY MISUNDERSTANDING BUT I THOUGHT OUR  
POSITION WAS CLEAR FROM THE PRESS ANSWER.  
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